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EDITORIAL

New Hampshire---NOW New York---IN THE FUTURE

We recently received a letter from Maurice B. Sleeper, of Holderness, New Hampshire, in reference to a chum lines question, regarding the use of corn as chum for flounders, and the possibility that this practice may have harmful affects on the fish. He went on to say that he had personally observed fish (freshwater - whitefish, in this case), in poor condition, due to the fact that the corn kernels had plugged their colons (vents), and that the use of corn as chum is now outlawed in his state.

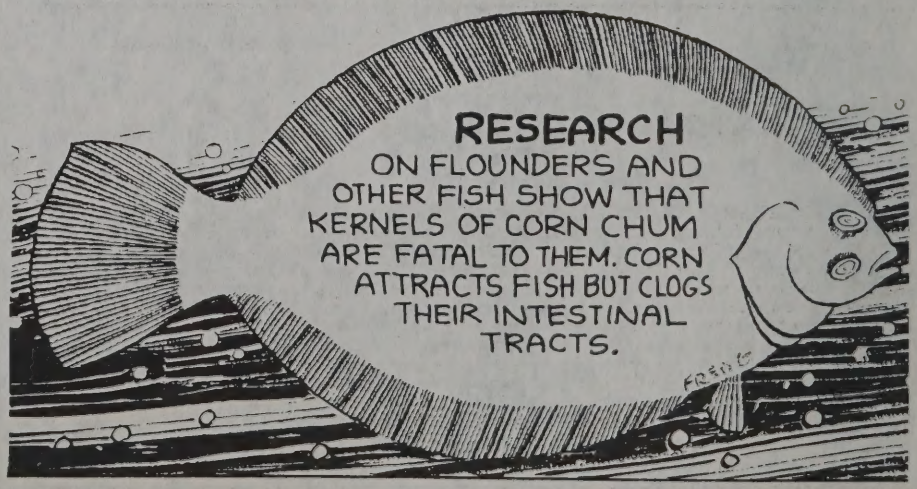
Pursuing the matter further, we contacted the conservation departments of both New Hampshire, and our own state, and elicited the following answers: first from Richard G. Seamans Jr., Chief of the Inland and Marine Fisheries Division, New Hampshire Fish and Game Department . . . .

"For some years, New Hampshire ice fishermen used corn and rice extensively for baiting fish in to their fishing location. Evidence in the form of significant numbers of dead fish was found that indicated an inability of lake trout, S. namycush, and lake whitefish, C. clupeaformis, to properly digest these items. Intestinal tracts were plugged solid and the fish succumbed. For this reason, we have a regulation that: "The possession or use of corn, rice, metal or plastic or mineral flakes while fishing is prohibited."

A similar request, sent to the New York Department of Environmental Conservation, drew this reply from Philip T. Briggs, Senior Aquatic Biologist (Marine) . . . .

"There are no laws in New York regarding the use of corn for chum or bait for marine fish. It is not known what affects are caused by the ingestion of corn and/or rice by fish; if there are any affects at all. There is the possibility that this Department may, in the future, institute a study in our laboratory concerning corn and/or rice and winter flounder."

The alarming note in this (to your reporter, anyway), is that there is a POSSIBILITY that the Department may IN THE FUTURE, institute a study of the problem. When one state considers the use of corn so deleterious to fish life, that it bans the use of same outright, it would seem that the least our own state could do, would be to get that study under way RIGHT NOW. All too often in the past, we have seen ecological problems of this nature shunted aside, and ignored until it was too late. A study takes a considerable amount of time to perform, if sufficient data is to be collected and examined to provide significant proof whether corn is indeed harmful, and delay will only make matters worse.



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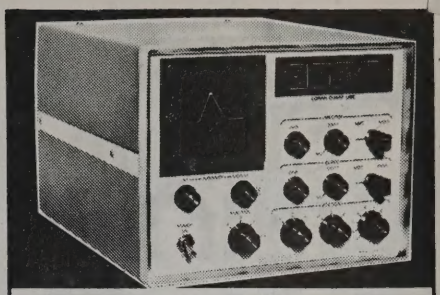

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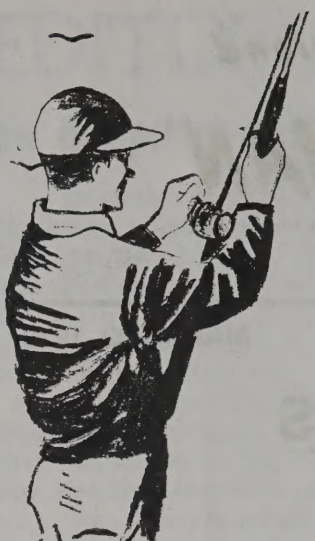

SHORE CAUGHT COD

by GEORGE HAYEK

IT WAS JUST a few years ago that I first met Chris Del Vecchio, who is now my constant fishing companion. Although I had often seen Chris at one of the monthly meetings of the Narragansett Salt Water Fishing Club, we only had a nodding acquaintance of each other, and we had never conversed at any length.

Then one night after the formal business of a meeting had terminated, the two of us struck up a conversation over a cup of coffee. If you can't guess what we talked about, I'm not going to tell you. The conversation turned from fishing in general to Cod fishing specifically.

Chris asked me if I had ever gone Cod fishing. I answered him not only by saying yes, but by further exclaiming that the experience was akin to pulling up an old boot out of the depths. Chris laughed and wagered me that the only Cod I had caught were done so by fishing on a head boat. He went on to tell me about his experiences fishing for Cod from shore. According to what Chris told me, and as experience would eventually show me, Cod fight differently when caught in relatively shallow water. In the surf, they are as bulldogish as Striped Bass, either making long runs toward deeper water or running parallel to the beach. Between moments of stripping off line from a reel spool, these surf caught Cod often hug the bottom, daring one to make the mistake of attempting to horse them in; but with patience, and by applying firm but steady pressure they can be coaxed to leave the bottom and come back to the surface and fight again.

On one fine, mild night in March of last year, Chris and I both connected with but one Cod apiece; but what we did not get in quantity we more than made up for in quality. After fishing for more than two hours on one of the south shore beaches in Little Rhody I looked at my watch to check the time. It was almost midnight and neither one of us had had a nibble as of yet. I was ready to suggest to Chris that we should pack up and leave, when suddenly his rod, which was set up in a sand spike, began to twitch. As his rod was positioned to my right, and Chris was standing to my left, he almost tripped over my foot getting to his gear. Chris carefully picked up his rod keeping cautious tension on his line. Chris prayerfully talked to the fish, saying - "eat your dinner for daddy", and after what seemed to be an eternity he set back on his rod with as much gusto as he could muster. Fortunately the cod took off to the right, for my rod was stationed to the left. For twenty minutes Chris fought the fish while it bulldogged its way toward deeper water, Finally Chris got the fish close enough to shore, as to enable our lights to pick up its trembling and shimmering body in the breaking surf. I fought my way to the water's edge with a gaff waiting for Chris to maneuver the finny creature closer. Chris kept yelling at me not to miss, threatening me with a dunking, and possible drowning if I lost the fish for him.

Soon I had the fish hanging on the end of my gaff and I ran from the water to the higher part of the beach with Chris jumping up and down with excitment. I shook the fish off the gaff, and it regurgitated a Sea robin, which weighed a pound and a half. The cod without the sea robin weighed thirty-three pounds.

Chris sat down on the sand to admire his catch and I went back to tend to my spiked rod. As I took the slack out of the line I suddenly felt a

A DIFFERENT WAY TO CATCH COD ---

slight tugging. Not knowing how long the fish had been playing with the bait I decided to set the hook. I thought that I had fouled up my bottom rig on some rocks for a few seconds until I heard my line ripping off drag. I merely held my rod tip high waiting for the Cod to tire out, slow down, or change direction. Fifteen minutes later my weary arms felt relief as I watched Chris run from the waters edge with the fish hanging from his gaff. Although smaller than Chris's catch, it weighed in at twenty five and one-half pounds.

The filets we got from our fish were enough to provide our families with plenty of fish and chip dinners. And each Cod dinner from that catch brought back pleasant memories of that exciting night.

Catching Cod from the surf can be done along the entire South shore line of Rhode Island from Watch Hill to Point Judith, the jutting south points or tips of Jamestown and even in Newport, on the other side of the bay. They can be caught in the late Fall and in the Winter if one can stand the chilling temperatures. However, it seems that the Spring months from early March to May are the most productive. There are times when Cod go on feeding binges, and those fishermen who are fortunate enough to be out on such a night rack up some amazingly large catches. One night in the Spring of 1971, a small handful of men along a short stretch of beach, not too far from The Charlestown Breachway, caught forty seven Cod in one night with several in the forty pound plus bracket.

There seems to be no rhyme or reason as to when the best time or tide occurs, incident to the best Cod fishing from shore. I often tell those who ask about the best time to choose, that the best night is whenever you have a chance to get out of the house.

The rigs we use consists of a sinker from two to four ounces, depending on the strength of the current, at the bottom with a snelled claw type hook, sized 7/0 to 9/0 at or near the same level. At times I will attach an additional snelled hook about eighteen inches above the first. The bait used by most fishermen is a whole skimmer clam. The hook is pushed through the foot part of the clam far enough to put as much of the bait as possible onto the hook shank, but not so much as to prevent the barb from being exposed. The stringy parts of the clam are not purposely removed, as their movement in the waters current makes the bait more tantalizing to the fish.

Other baits that can be used are squid (frozen) or clamworms. * Clamworms are especially productive if you happen to be out on an April night when clamworms come out of the sea bottom to spawn.

On occasion Pollack will be mixed with the Cod and one can walk off the beach with a mixed bag of fish. Providing even more interest in the late Spring, is the fact that Striped Bass are often caught in addition. Here we see a beautiful blending of late Winter fish being caught with early Spring fish. Last year while fishing with his father a twelve year old boy, whose name I do not know, caught a twenty four pound Striper. He walked off the beach doubly proud for it was one of those nights that no one else caught another fish.

No matter what beach you choose for this type of exciting fishing, look for Chris Del Vecchio or me; for we might just possibly be there and we will only be too glad to share what knowledge we have. If you promise to not tell our wives we will also be only too happy to let you have a sample of our snake bite medicine - - - - - - - - if you get bitten by a snake.

*Editor's Note: Bloodworms are often called 'clamworms' in Rhode Island.

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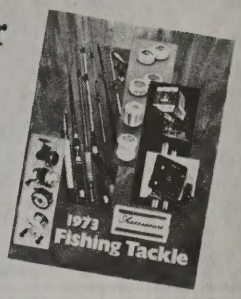

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START 'EM YOUNG

by Dick Mermon

YOU KNOW, IT'S A tough life for a youngster to grow up these days. With all the pot, speed, downers, alcohol, etc., etc., so easily obtainable and so much time on their hands, it gives them a great temptation to try to act big, to do their THING, so they say. Everything has been given to them on a silver platter and some expect it because, as they say, "we owe it to them." These are youngsters that are hard to convince that there are better things in life to enjoy, if they really look for them.

It doesn't take much to show youngsters a good time, especially if they enjoy the world of outdoors. The younger they are taken under wing, the sooner they will become great outdoor people.

Elaborate boats and expensive equipment are nice but it doesn't mean a thing to a youngster who does not know how to use them. The easiest tackle to teach a young one how to fish with is spinning tackle or the simplest type of level wind reels, in a light weight form. This way, when they hook a small fish, the fight and enjoyment are there.

One big fault that we adults have (I, also am included in this) is that we expect too much, too fast and tend to get mad at the mistakes the youngster makes in one way or another. Remember when you and I started to fish, and we goofed on the first striped bass? Hol the tone down, and keep in mind tha its all in the game.

Places to fish are everywhere an easily accessible by car, train, bus, bicy cle or, hitch-hiking. When I was in hig school, several of us would hitch hik from Brooklyn all the way to Port Jervi New York, to fish the Delaware or Neve sink Rivers for the week-end and the hitch back again. These days it is a li tle difficult on the hitchers, but if I see youngster carrying a fishing rod, I'll neve pass him up.

Recreation piers are being built a over the bay areas in New York, Ne Jersey and Connecticut, strictly for fis

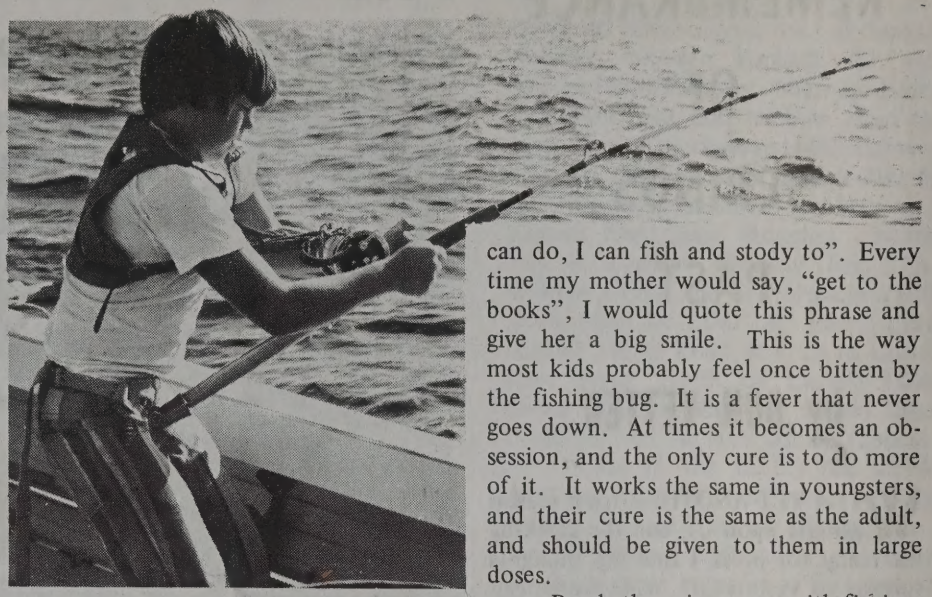
"HEY DAD—I GOT ONE ON!"

ing and fishing instructions. Several tackle companies have experience fishermen lecture, demonstrate and hold classes in fishing throughout these areas. Also clubs hold night classes for the novice anglers, at a nominal fee.

Places, like piers are the most inexpensive fishing locations to take a youngster to learn how to fish, and these places may produce some fine catches. The piers at Jones Beach, Captree, Coney Island, Long Beach, Montauk, and the others are always open to the public and very productive.

If you don't own a boat and you want to try things on your own with the youth, there are always rental skiffs available with outboards for the bay fishermen. The lake men will have to use muscle power on some of the lakes, but there are kids that enjoy rowing even more than the fishing part.

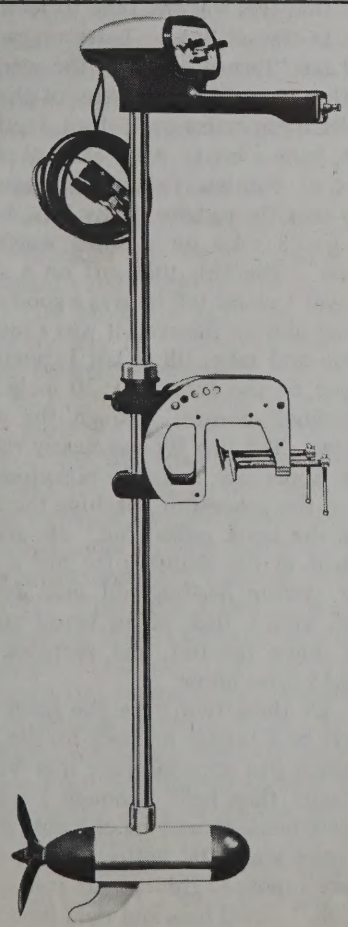
The day your youngster catches his or her first fish will be a day to remember; it gives the kid a great feeling of satisfaction that they did it all by themselves, without the help of anyone older. There will be a glow on their face like the full moon, and a sparkle



in their eyes that will never leave. In fact, when the word fishing is mentioned, they will perk up their ears, open their eyes and just wait for the invitation. When it comes, watch the smile, and see who is the first to be ready to go.

Back in my school days, when my studies came first, I had a saying. It went like this: "My hand alone my work can do, I can fish and stody to". Every time my mother would say, "get to the books", I would quote this phrase and give her a big smile. This is the way most kids probably feel once bitten by the fishing bug. It is a fever that never goes down. At times it becomes an obsession, and the only cure is to do more of it. It works the same in youngsters, and their cure is the same as the adult, and should be given to them in large doses.

Break them in young with fishing, and you won't have trouble later on in life with them. Either they will be too busy at the sport, or too tired from it. And the greatest feeling that any adult can get, is when the youngster comes in the house smiling from ear to ear and says, "hey mom" or "hey dad, look what I caught".



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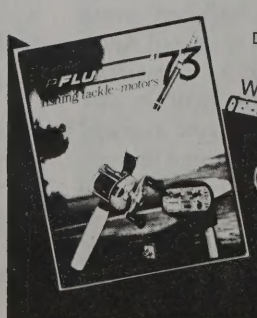

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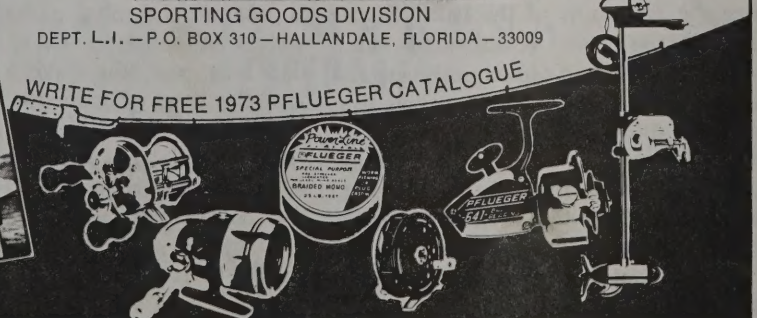


REMEMBRANCE OF SPRINGS PAST

by DON VETTER

WITH YET ANOTHER trout season almost upon us, and the stocking list ready for press, I find my thoughts turning to yesteryear. What words can describe those first fishing experiences, when the world was fresh and new? From the little pumpkinseeds and goggle eyes (rock bass), worm caught with a willow switch, at the age of 4 or 5, to the magic of my first small trout, a year or so later, the enthusiasm of youth is hard to duplicate. In the more than two decades since these first, tentative catches, gamefish from tarpon to tuna, and from big black bass to acrobatic landlocked salmon have fallen to your reporter's rod, but the beginnings are impossible to put aside. Even today, I am not above a bit of fishing for half-dollar sized pumpkinseeds, and freely confess to getting as much of a kick out of the small fry as I ever did; I guess I just don't have the makings of a purist.

Returning somewhat nearer to the present, two totally different trout expeditions come to mind; the first at West Lake (Patchogue) last May, and the other to Wildwood Lake (Riverhead) on a cold April opening week, some years ago. West Lake is typical of the semi-urban, and largely put and take trout waters, with which the Island abounds. Driving to the small vacant lot at the end of Marshall St., I parked the car, and proceeded to wade Southward, along the East shore of the Lake. Stepping gingerly over a discarded tire, amidst a plethora of obnoxiously glittering beer cans in the shallow water, the inevitable question formed in my mind: why must we despoil our precious ponds and streams in such a fashion? Cannot man learn to live without fouling his own nest?

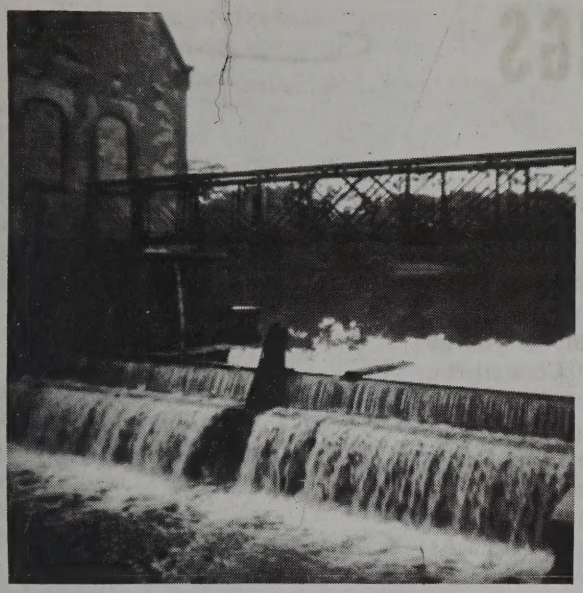
Roll casting the leadwing coachman beyond the weed line which parallels the shore, growing to within a few inches of the water's surface, I began to fish in earnest on that warm spring morning. As I worked the wet fly in a series of short strips, a 10 inch brookie took the offering, and after a brief, splashy struggle, found himself looking at the inside of a creel. A half dozen brookies later, I switched to a white marabou streamer, and worked this minnow imitation along the edge of the weeds. A grass pickerel of above 15 inches (not a bad size for this subspecies, as opposed ot the larger chain pickerel) rewarded my efforts, and soon after the largest fish of the day, a nice brown trout. Not bad for two hours fishing. Leaving the water through shore weeds entangled in balls of discarded monofilament line, I returned to my car and headed home.

Brookies, nice brown and Grass Pickerel came easy at West Lake, Patchogue

Wildwood is a totally different proposition in every way; it is stocked each May with hardy brown trout, and is one of the most underfished trout waters on the Island. On that cold April day long past, the Lake was deserted, and the hand of man was little in evidence; it was easy to imagine oneself fishing a wilderness water in some remote area. Patches of unmelted snow lay in the shaded spots beneath the trees, and a cold wind whipped the surface of the Lake. Only an irrepressible skunk cabbage, growing in an open spot, foretold springtime.

The raw wind chilled to the bone, and made fly-casting difficult, but I knew that this was the time to look for trout in the shallows. Later on, when the Lake "turned over" in the warmer months, it would be a matter of plumbing the thermocline at 15 foot depth or more, from a boat. After close to three hours of fruitless fishing with almost every wet fly pattern in my box, I finally got a take on a small weighted nymph. The fish took off on a solid run, and I could tell he was a good one. Playing him on the reel, it was a matter of give and take, till at last I caught a glimpse of the brownie's 20 inches of streamlined muscle, through the clear shallows. The tiny fly was clearly visible in his upper jaw, as I drew him closer. I was in the process of beaching the fish, when the hook pulled out. He stayed stunned in the shallows for but a moment, before heading out into deeper water, with a flick of his broad tail. I took down the rod, and prepared for the long drive home.

Of these two trips, the latter will always be a fonder memory for me. All of which just goes to prove that Vette is crazier than hell? Though I readily admit to being something of a nut, someone once said it far better than I could: "There's more to fishing than just catching fish." Good luck and tight lines.



Falls at Freeport Reservoir - Total of 1700 Brook Trout to be stocked here

TROUT STOCKING LIST

by DON VETTER

WHAT MOTHER NATURE HAS IN store for us come opening day, no one can say; but the Conversation Department will be sure the trout are ready and waiting. The listing, with location of the water named (in parenthesis) follows.

First, the streams: Carlls River or Belmont Brook (between Argyle Lake in Babylon, and Southard's Pond in North Babylon - 0.7 miles stocked) gets 500 brown trout by April 1st, and 500 more browns by May 1st, (between Southard's and Belmont Lake State Park - 1.5 mi.) 500 brook trout by April 1st, and another 500 brookies by May 1st, (between Southard's and Phelps or Elda Lake - 0.7 mi.) 200 brook by April 1st, and 200 more by May 1st. Carmans River (Yaphank, between Upper and Lower Lake - 0.5 mi.) 300 brook trout by April 1st, 250 more by May 1st, (South Haven Park - special reguations in effect - 2.3 mi.) 250 brookies and 250 rainbow trout by April 1st, 250 brooks and 250 rainbows more by May 1st, and a final 300 brook and 300 rainbow trout by May 15. Champlins Creek (Islip, from Brookwood Hall Pond or Knapps Lake, upstream - 1.0 mi.) 220 brook trout by April 1st. Nissequogue River (Smithtown, Jericho turnpike, North - 1.6 mi.) 2000 brook trout by April 1st, and 2000 brown trout by May 1st. Orowoc Creek (Islip, Moffit Blvd. to Brook St. - 1.3 mi.) 420 brookies by April 1st. Swan River (Patchogue, upstream from East or Swan Lake - 1.2 mi.) 300 brook trout by April 1st, and 240 more by May 1st.

Notable by its absence from the spring list, is the Connequot River (Oakdale, from Sunrise Highway South to the purest streams in the State, and a consistant producer of big brook, and sea-run brown trout. Together with the Nissequogue, this one gets my vote, as one of the top two big-trout streams on Long Island.

Now for the ponds: Avon Manor Pond (Amityville - Broadway to Avon Place, then East to Lake Drive) 300 brook trout by April 1st. Canaan Lake (Patchogue - Sunrise Highway to New North Ocean Ave., North to Shaber Rd., West on Shaber) 1300 brook trout by April 7th, and 1200 more brookies by May 1st. East of Swan Lake (Patchogue-North side of Montauk Highway, Rte. 27A, 8/10 of a mile East of Medford Ave., Rte. 112) 600 brook trout by April 7th, 500 more by May 1st. Freeport Reservoir (Freeport - Babylon Turnpike to Lakeview Ave., entrance at the South end of Lakeview Ave.) 900 brook trout by April 7th, 800 more brookies by May 1st. Hard's Lake (South Haven Park, special regulations in effect - entrance on North service road of Sunrise Highway, between Yaphank Rd. and William Floyd Parkway - boats available) 800 brook and 800 rainbow trout by April 1st, 800 brookies and 800 rainbows more by May 1st, and another 800 of each (brook & rainbow) by May 15. Kahlers Pond (east Moriches - North side of Montauk Highway, Rte. 27A, between Center and East Moriches) 650 brook trout by April 1st. Laurel Lake (Laurel - Main Road, Rte. 25 to Laurel Lake Road, North on Laurel) 1000 brown trout by May 1st. Lower Lake (Yaphank - on the West side of Yaphank Rd., North of the L.I.E.) 700 brook trout by April 1st., 600 more by May 1st. Massapequa Reservoir (Massapequa - Sunrise Highway to Broadway, North to Brooklyn Ave., entrance at East end of Brooklyn Ave.) 1000 brook trout by April 7th, 1000 brown trout by May 1st. Mill Pond (Oyster Bay - West Main St. and Lake Ave.) 400 brookies by April 1st, and 300 more by May 1st. West Lake (Patchogue - North side of Montauk Highway, Rte. 27A, 1.1 miles West of Medford Ave., Rte. 112) 1100 brook trout by April 7th, and 1000 more brookies by May 1st. Wildwood Lake (Riverhead - on Moriches - Riverhead Rd., 1.4 miles South of the Riverhead traffic circle - boats available) 1000 brown trout by May 1st.

One interesting footnote: brown trout occur in many of the ponds for which brookies only are mentioned in the stocking list, among them: Freeport Reservoir, and East and West Lakes in Patchogue. Aside from the question of from whence they came, these browns are often the largest trout taken in the aforementioned waters, due to their sagacity and longevity. The fact that the ponds will not be restocked by the April 1st (rather, by April 7th), could lead to some action with these brown trout holdovers, for those inclined to give them a whirl, on opening week.

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MAKING BOTTOM RIGS

by VLAD EVANOFr

ALTHOUGH YOU CAN buy ready-made bottom rigs in many tackle stores you'll do better and save money in the long run if you tie your own rigs. Frankly, I would buy ready-made rigs and I still do occasionally if they are exactly what I want or need. But I find most store-bought bottom rigs have too much hardware or are tied differently from what I prefer.

By tying your own rigs you can make them to suit your needs and taylor them to suit your exact specifications and the fishing you plan to do. Most old-time bottom fishermen are pretty fussy about their rigs and that is the main reason why they tie their own.

Another good reason for tying your own rigs is because some of the best bottom fishing is found around wrecks, rocks, piles, mussels and barnacles. Bottom rigs are always being hung up and broken off. This can add up during a day's fishing if you lose several store-bought rigs. But by making your own rigs you can cut the cost in half or even more. And in the long run you'll catch more fish because you won't hesitate about using your own rigs even on the roughest bottoms, which is usually the best place to catch fish.

To make bottom rigs you'll have to get some basic terminal tackle and have an assortment on hand for tying various kinds of rigs. Three-way swivels, for example, are handy as spreaders and connectors on a line. This swivel has three eyes and your fishing line is connected to one eye, the leader and hook to the other eye and the line with the sinkers is tied to the remaining eye. These three-way swivels come in different sizes with the small ones used for small fish and light tackle and the larger ones used for big fish and heavy tackle.

You'll also need some barrel swivels in various sizes for tying some rigs. They serve as connectors or as stops or where a rig is slow trolled or from a drifiting boat where the line or leader is likely to spin or twist.

Some anglers also like to use a snap-swivel which is a combination of a barrel swivel with a snap which opens and closes and which can be used on the end of a fishing line for changing rigs or to hold a sinker which can also be added or removed quickly.

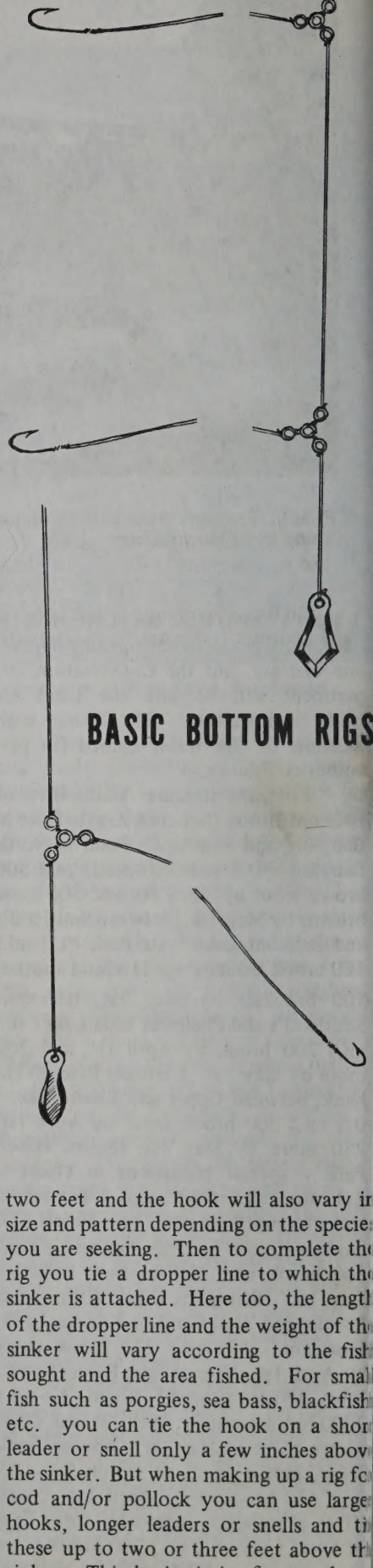
You'll also need some hooks and pattern and sizes you get will depend on the fishing you will do. If you go for flounders you'll need Chestertown hooks. If you go for blackfish or tautog the Virginia pattern is best. Carlisle or Pacific Bass hooks with their long shanks are used for fluke. Sproat hooks are good for porgies, sea bass and cod or pollock. One of the most popular hooks for many kinds of fish is the well-known Eagle Claw. And for big fish you can't beat the strength of the old-time O'Shaughnessy patern. You can buy most of these hooks loose by the dozen, but they are cheaper by the box of 100.

You'll also need sinkers in different weights and the bank type is the most popular sinker in our area. For fishing in deep water for cod you can get some diamond sinkers. A round or ball sinker is good in rocky areas for blackfish. Then we have the egg-shaped sinker with a hole in the middle which is used to make a sliding-sinker rig. And if you want real light sinkers under an ounce in weight you can get some dipsey sinkers which are bell-shaped and are popular in fresh-water fishing.

Finally to have everything you need for tying rigs you'll have to get some leader material which can actually be monofilament fishing line. This is available in spools of around 100 yards and will last a long time. For salt-water fishing mono line testing anywhere from 10 to 60 pounds is used for tying bottom rigs.

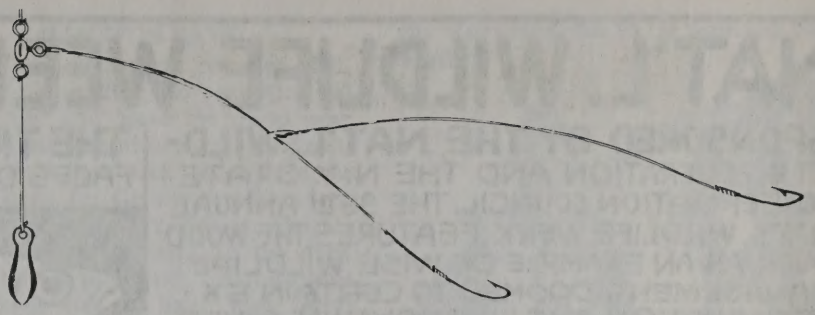
Of course, you don't have to buy all the terminal tackle and line and hooks and sinkers in all the different sizes in the beginning. You can acquire this stuff gradually as you tie each type of rig and eventually you'll wind up with a good assortment of materials for tying most bottom rigs.

BASIC BOTTOM RIG This is the rig most often used by bottom anglers in our area and is also called the"deep-sea" rig because it is used on most party boats for various species. Here you simply tie a three-way swivel (or you can use a cross-line swivel) on your fishing line. Then add a leader or snell and the hook to the other eye. This leader will vary in length from about a foot to about two feet and the hook will also vary in size and pattern depending on the species you are seeking. Then to complete the rig you tie a dropper line to which the sinker is attached. Here too, the length of the dropper line and the weight of the sinker will vary according to the fish sought and the area fished. For small fish such as porgies, sea bass, blackfish etc. you can tie the hook on a short leader or snell only a few inches above the sinker. But when making up a rig for cod and/or pollock you can use larger hooks, longer leaders or snells and tie these up to two or three feet above the sinker. This basic rig is often made up with two hooks by tying the second hook



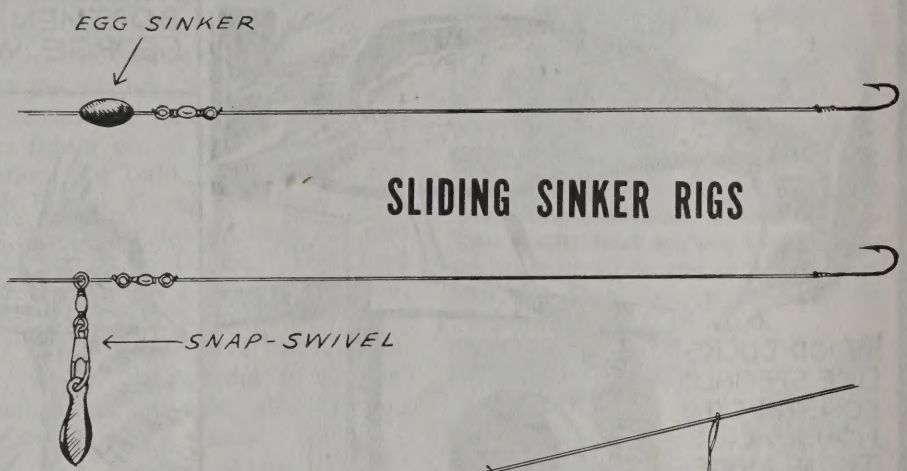
BASIC BOTTOM RIGS

VARIATION OF THE BOTTOM RIG A variation of the basic bottom rig is similar to the one described above and is tied the same way except that you add a second hook to the leader or snell of the first hook. If the leader with hooks is tied just above the sinker this will keep the baits on the bottom and makes this rig a good one for blackfish, flounders, porgies, kingfish, eels and similar bottom feeders.



VARIATION OF BOTTOM RIG

SLIDING SINKER RIG The sliding sinker rig is more popular in southern waters such as Florida, but can be used for many species in our waters too. It works on the same idea as the "fish-finder" rig used for surf fishing. An egg-shaped sinker with a hole in the middle is slipped on your fishing line. Then you tie a barrel swivel on the end of this line and add your leader and hook to the remaining eye. A variation of this rig is to use a big snap-swivel. The snap holds the sinker which can be changed quickly and the fishing line runs through the eye of the barrel swivel. Another barrel swivel is tied on the end of the line to act as a stop and the leader and hook is tied to this barrel swivel. The advantage of this rig is that it keeps the bait right on the bottom and yet you can feel the bite of the fish since the line runs freely through the hole in the sinker or through the eye of the barrel swivel.



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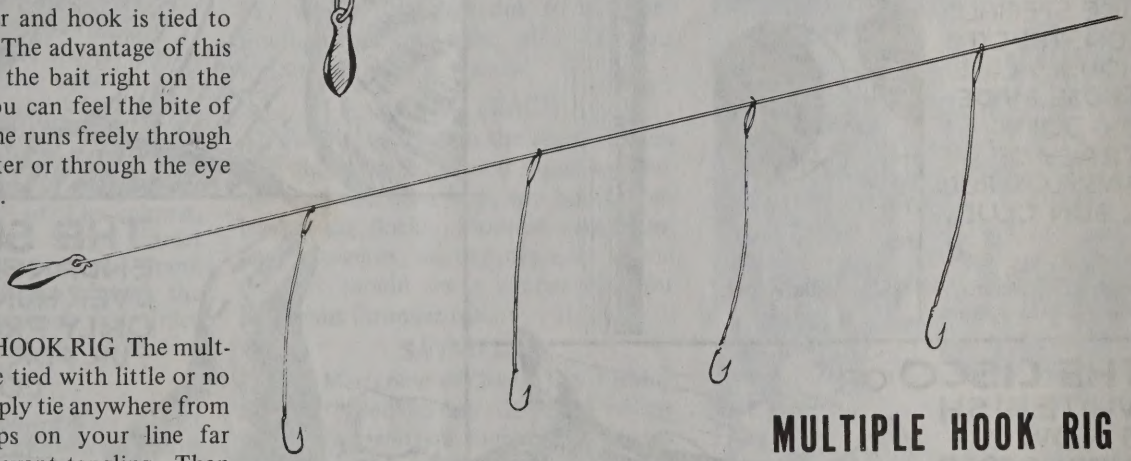

MULTIPLE HOOK RIG

MULTIPLE HOOK RIG The multiple hook rig can be tied with little or no hardware. You simply tie anywhere from three to five loops on your line far enough apart to prevent tangling. Then you add the same number of hooks on short snells to each loop. This rig is a good one to use for fish traveling in schools and you want to catch more than one fish at a time. Such as whiting, herring, smelt and mackerel. When fishing from a boat you can use only three hooks, but from a pier jetty or shore you can use up to five hooks.

It's a good idea to make up several bottom rigs of one kind BEFORE you go fishing. If you make up such rigs at home in advance and coil them in envelopes and label them, you'll be all set in case you lose a rig while fishing. This way you won't waste time tying a rig from scratch when the fish are biting.

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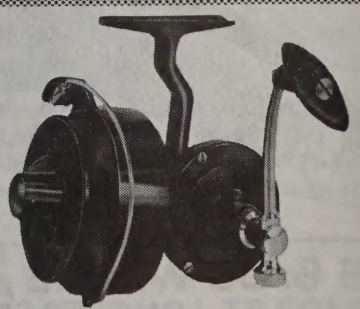

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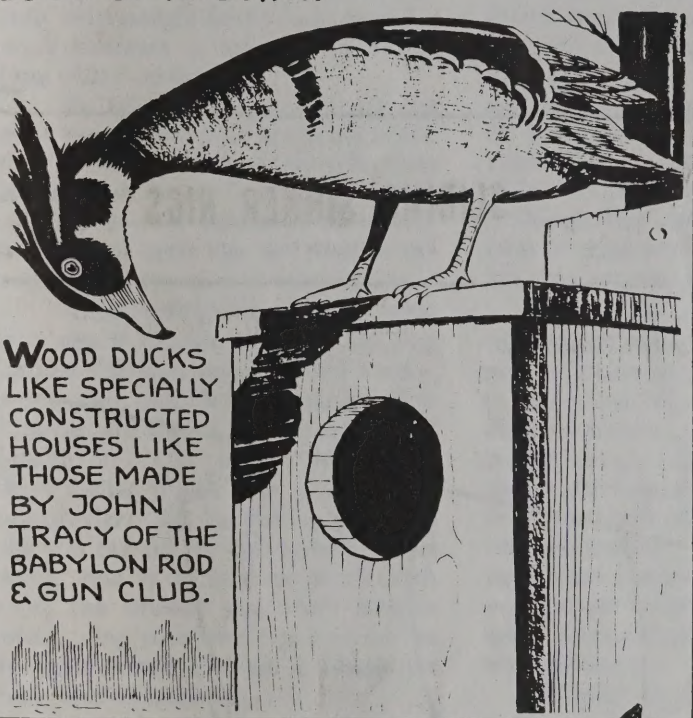

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BY FRED GUARDINEER

South Shore Reports

DICK MERMON

MONTAUK

High winds prevented any boats from sailing Sunday at Montauk, Capt. Brad Glas of the "Hel-Cat" reports. A few of the open boats braved the weather on Saturday and had fair catches of cod locally and in the Block Island area. Fish are still on the small side, with an occasional lunker mixed in. The first snowshoe flounder should appear in a week or two. Mrs. Tuma of Tuma's Tackle said that most of the charter fleet will begin sailing April 1st, and Tuma's will also be open for the season then. Capt. Les Behan of the "Peconic Queen" said there were two flags for gale warnings of 40-50 knots on Sunday, so he didn't sail. On Saturday, the cod-fishing was very good 5 miles south of Block Island until noon, when the wind caused heavy seas.

SAG HARBOR

Helen Jacobsen of Noyac Marina reports that the marina is now open 6 A.M. weekends and 7 A.M. weekdays during the months of March and April. On Saturday several hardy souls ventured out for the opening day of the flounder season. Tom Casey of Lindenhurst, Charles Riccio of Bay Shore, James McKenna of Fort Lee, N.J. and Frank Walsh of Queens Village fished the Noyac Creek and came back with a nice catch. Mike Albert of Brooklyn also did a job on the flatties.

Dan McLane of Bayview Tackle & Bait let us know that he too was almost totally blown out over the weekend. Tom Newman and George Goth of Garden City did manage to get themselves a mess of flounders on Saturday. The brightest news from Dan was that several stripers had been taken in the back coves by local sharpies. These are probably local fish and they are beginning to stir as the water temperature rises.

SHINNECOCK

Mickey Altenkirch reported great fishing in the Shinnecock Canal. On Saturday, in all the rain, people were lined up along the canal and taking flounders. Henry Bergameister weighed in a 2½ pounder. Even on Sunday, the snow people were out there catching flounders of all sizes. Mickey also stated that he heard of a bass being taken and that it was about 25 lbs. Reports also trickled in regarding weakfish off Staten Island.

HAMPTON BAYS

Frank's Fishing Station reported that, much to his surprise, the boats that did venture out and brave the storm were rewarded with beautiful catches of flounder. It must have been the color of the day - Green for Go for the flounders. Dennis Baresich of Yorktown Heights and a friend came back to the dock with a bushel of flatties. Bloodworms and mussels were the bait. They fished at Buoy 17. Sunday the word was "no go." The boats were just not let out.

MORICHES BAY

Rowboats from several stations ventured out on Saturday but most of the fishing was done near the shoreline on the official opening day of the flounder season. The luck of the Irish held even with the weather. Steve O'Loughlin of Centereach had three dozen nice flounders fishing out of Skidmore's Fishing Station. Ed Terlik, William Terlik and Bob Francis, fishing near Buoy 43 in the deep water brought back 250 nice flounders up to 1½ lbs. They used worms and plenty of mussels for chum. Other boats that did brave the weather had some nice catches of flatties. Sunday was a total loss due to the continuing wind and rain, plus old man winter's sprinkling of snow.

MASTIC BEACH

All fishing stations in the Mastic Beach area that were contacted reported that the weekend blow kept any boats from leaving the docks. Flounders are abundant, however, an improvement in the weather should see a banner year for the spring flounder run.

SAYVILLE

Dennis Masterson of South Bay Fishing Station called to say that two of his boat fishermen had some beautiful catches on Friday. Mr. Rodriguez of New York City fished southeast of Buoy 28 off Heckscher Park using worms and dyed skimmers. His biggest fish was a two pounder. At the same time, Frank Oliva of Hauppauge connected at Buoy 29 on the outgoing tide with the same bait. South Bay is now open from daybreak to dusk, seven days a week.

CAPTREE

The fishing has been very good, but the weather conditions have been bad of late. (This pretty well sums up the situation all over). The West Channel of Nichols Point in Heckscher has been producing some nice catches of flounders, mostly from ½ to ¾ pounds. A few up to 1½ pounds have been taken. Capt. George Tweedy, of the open boat "Capt. Scotty," said his fares had about 25 keepers per man on Saturday. Sunday was a bust, due to the wind and bad weather.

Two Connecticut anglers, Chris Wagner (right) with 53 lb. cod and Pete Courtway with 48 lb. cod, caught aboard the "Peconic Queen II." Montauk.

Frank Rama of Whitestone and Larry Lustig (right) of Oceanside, with 48 flounders, ten over 2 lbs. Photo courtesy of Promised Land Fishing Station.

BELLMORE

Kwak's Tackle Shop says flounder fishing is excellent between the 2nd and 3rd Causeway Bridges. The Wantagh Park Pier is producing flounder up to 2 lbs.

SEAFORD

Dell's Fishing Station tells us that on Friday, Mat Baum of Massapequa caught 35 keeper flounder west of the small bridge. Al Messina of Bellmore took 42 flounder (big fish). No boats went out on Saturday and Sunday.

NEW YORK BIGHT

RONNIE LEPPER

FREEPORT

Ronnie Feuring of Sea Isle said the flounder fishing in his area is very good. The fish are abundant in most of the mud flat areas. All of the fishermen who tried their luck this past week did very well.

Lou Stalker of Charvin Fishing Station saw (Capt.) Jack Rinaldo, Al Cochol and George Berns, all of Freeport, put in three days this week with excellent success. Each day's fishing was rewarded with at least a half bushel of flatties from 1 to 1½ lbs. The marsh area south of Randall Bay was the hot spot. Lou also reports on the first striped bass seen in Freeport this season. It was brought in by the St. Peter, one of the local draggers fishing south of Jones Tower in 60 ft. of water. The fish weighed in at 8 lbs. Speaking of draggers, the boys dragging in the N.C. Buoy area are doing a very good job on yellowtail flounders. In fact, they're getting more flounders than whiting.

Al Lindroth of the Capt. Al is still flounder fishing, and doing very well. Al switched over to Squaw Island area this week with very good results. He said the fish were right up on the flats in that very shallow water.

Richie Kessinger of the "Star Stream" is standing by, waiting for some decent weather. Rich feels a break in the weather is all he needs to locate some blacks and spring cod.

Capt. Marty Dombrowski of Woodcleft Charter Boats made the big move this week. He sold the old boat and came up with a chick looking 42 ft. walk-around. The new boat is licensed for 35 people and should be a welcome addition to the Woodcleft dock. Marty said he will put in a new diesel next week and have her ship-shape by the first of April. The best of luck, Marty.

POINT LOOKOUT

Marilyn Wardle of Ed's Fishing Station had nothing but the best to report. Anyone fishing the State Channel this week had to do well, Marilyn said. The average catch was 60 fish per boat, with fish from ¾ to 1½ lbs. the rule. Jack Feldstein of Forest Hills had 62 on Wednesday. Frank Friday and Sonny Angelico of Richmond Hill came in the following day with over 100, all keepers. Worms and mussels used in the shallow water was the right combination.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Leon Miller of Henning's Fishing Statio called to report excellent fishing in hi area. Catches of 30 to 50 nice size fish per boat were common. Leon als wanted to report that he will hav plenty of mussels this coming weekend Achilles and Fortes Eftamiou of Jamaic had 49 good sized fish at Duck Poin the other day after finding action slo in Bannister Creek. Red Blumlein o Ozone Park, one of the better fisherme in the area, made his last try for co this week before pulling the boat ou Red came in with six fish from 4 to 1 lbs. fishing the inshore edge of McAlli ter. Harry Fauser and Kenny Hollan of Far Rockaway seemed to prove tha there are fish in Debs Inlet. Fishing 10 ft. east of buoy 8 this past week, the caught 40 sea flounders averaging 1 lbs. The best fishing was ½ hr. befor and ½ hr. after the ebb slack. Harr said the big fish were still full of milt.

HOWARD BEACH

John Brando of Cross Bay Rod & Gu Shop let us know that there are plenty of fish for everyone at the north an south Channel Bridges. John said fis of 1¾ lbs. were not uncommon. Enoug

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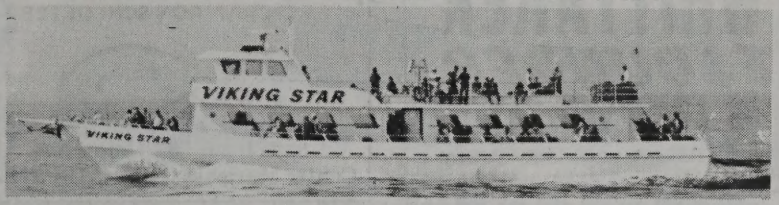

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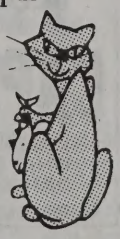

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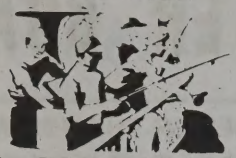
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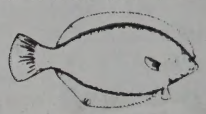
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Barney Gagler of the Atlantic Beach Rod & Gun Club took top honors for the club in the Schaefer Contest as the most valuable angler in the club, compiling the most points for bass and bluefish. Mary Barnett of the same club took top honors in the state in the women's category and came in second overall for her bass of 41 lbs. Meta Hill took second place in the women's contest in the state with a fish of 32½ lbs. Oscar Amoroso contributed a 50 lb. fish and came in third in the state with a weakfish of 6 lbs. 2 ozs. That's not bad for one of our local clubs.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Mike Maffia of Mike's Tackle informed us that boats fishing inside the bay around the sanitation dock and the bait barge are doing a bang up job on the flounders. The "Jet" has been running every day and doing a good job on the flatties. Silver Hole and the area around the Marine Parkway Bridge have been yielding good to better catches. The "Helen H II" had 25 cod on the Ridge this week, however, offshore fishing has been generally slow. Rocky Becker of the "Tampa IV" along with quite a few other boats are taking this slow time of year to catch up on minor repairs and painting. Rocky said he'd be out of service for approximately two weeks.

Neil Lauro of Stella Maris saw Don Ambrico, one of the top bass men in the area, come in with 56 flounders up to 2 lbs. All of the fish were over 1 lb. The fish came from Silver Hole. Mussels and bloodworms lures them out of the mud.

Harold Anderson of the Bay End Dock called to tell of Walter Renz of Brooklyn. It seems Walter couldn't get a boat the other day, so he walked over to Garretson Creek and started fishing from the beach. He proceeded to land over 20 flounders up to 1½ lbs. Along with his won catch, he saw others of equal quantity being made by everyone fishing the area. Harold wanted me to remind everyone that his dry land marina will be in full swing by the end of the month.

STATEN ISLAND

Lenny Killoran of Santo's Sport Shop heard of the first striped bass taken at Great Kills. The fish went 4½ lbs. and fell for a bloodworm. There were at least five other bass taken, but all others were shorts. Due to the warm water, the bass might be a little early this year (for a change). Len also said the flounder fishing is excellent and there are quite a few tom cod around.

SANDY HOOK

Capt. Bunting of the "Sea Horse" continued to have a fair pick on cod, whiting and ling until the wind near the end of the week made it near impossible t

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get a decent drift. Salvaging the day, the Captain ran into the Shrewsbury River and filled the bags with good sized flounders.

Joe Julian of Atlantic Highlands called to say that anyone fishing the bay side of the State Park and Sea Bright Bridge couldn't help loading up with flounders. The fishing was that good. The Rumson and Redbank area came in a close second.

NEW JERSEY

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MULLICA RIVER

Clark's Landing is good for bass on the Mullica reports Pres Cramer of the Chestnut Neck Boat Yard. Bloodworms are the bait fished with an Eagle Claw 3/0 hook and two to three ounces of lead. Flounder are at the Fish Factory and at the mouth of the Mullica with white perch mixed in. Most stripers in the bay are caught accidently by flounder fishermen and most are shorts.

MARGATE

There's some fine flounder action at Whirlpool Island, Turtle Gut and behind Ocean City according to Ralph Stork of Capt. Andy's Marina. Bunker chum and bloodworms are the combination for these early catches which still are on the small side. The warm water in the Bay near Brigantine has stripers on the move and some of the shore casters are doing well rigged with worms.

CAPE MAY

Most shops are still closed in Cape May and bait is hard to get, but flounder action is picking up and will improve in a week or two. Lou Rodia's Tackle is the center for first hand information.

LONG BRANCH

Joe Mocassin at the Long Branch Pier saw the first ling come over the rail on Thursday and says it won't be but a matter of days before the whiting and ling fishing gets started. Watch out for a cold snap which could bring water temperatures down again.

SEA BRIGHT

Armand of Giglio's Tackle confirmed some larger flounder taken at the Sea Bright Bridge. Jim Vantresco, Pat Maresca and Joe Ochipinti were catching as many as 30 to 40 in little more than an hour, and some flatties hit the 2 lb. mark.

MONMOUTH BEACH

Any of the bridges crossing the Shrewsbury and Navesink Rivers are good for flounder according to Paul Siciliano of Monmouth Tackle. A good ramp for small boaters is located at the end of Valley Street and there's always the Municipal ramp.

BRIELLE

The Point Pleasant Canal offers steady flounder fishing at the railroad bridge and the inlet. Clam chum works for those who really want to fill the freezer for the rest of the season. Bob Voorhees of MV Tackle suggested bloodworms for bait and bunker chum.

TOMS RIVER

Ed Swartz of Bay Bridge Boats reported flounder up to a pound and a half at the Mathis Bay Bridge and at the mouth of the Toms River. Catches of 20 to 30 fish are typical for the season.

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North Shore Reports

SCOTT SIMONS

SEASIDE PARK

The first flounder were reported from the surf by Jean & Art's Tackle, with other catches coming from the Causeway Bridge and at the back of the Barnegat Inlet in Island Beach Park. White perch of 14" are filling in for flounder in some spots in the Bay but the flatfish are of course the main attraction. Some fish are reaching the 1½ lb. range.

BERKELEY

Optimistic casters are looking for the first striper of the season for Barnegat Bay but with no luck so far, reports Judy & Bill's Tackle. Lots of fog in the Bay last week hampered fishing, although winter flounder catches were good.

LONG BEACH ISLAND

Dutchman's Bay, Bonnett Island and along the creek banks are all good spots for flounder. The bulkheads at Barnegat Light, behind the Acme Market and at the Manahawkin Bridge have also been good reports says Vince Goddard's Tackle. Charter boats like the Vivian II, Miss Barnegat Light and Captain Bill are now on a regular sailing schedule for flounders. Stripers are expected any day now.

GREAT BAY

Striper fishing slowed down a bit with the rainy, foggy weather of the past week, but some good catches were reported to the Great Bay Marina. Graveling Point is good for flounder and bass and so is Buoy 19. James Mele did real well with the flatties, taking over 50 on bloodworms and bunker chum. Ann Bruno of the Great Bay Marina says the locals are taking better fish at night and striper fishing will improve each week.

GREENPORT

White's Tackle Shop said the weather pretty much washed out the weekend. Sunday was a complete wash-out, but those boats that went out on Saturday did well before the wind came up. Capt. Dave Green of the "Pooka" sailed open Saturday and had 5 to 10 fish per man before the wind and rain put a damper on the day.

SOUTHOLD

Bad weather saw the Port of Egypt almost blow away. Near-hurricane winds on Sunday prevented any boats from leaving the dock. They got one boat out on Saturday morning, and Tony Loperfido took 12 flounder off the oyster factory in a few hours. One of the marina boats, with Ralph Demartaris at the helm, caught 22 fish in the spot, all good size.

NEW SUFFOLK

Phil of Capt. Marty's Fishing Station went out Friday and fished the South Race. He returned with 5 big flounders all running over 1½ lbs. each. He only got one boat out Saturday, and that one returned in less than an hour with a cold and wet fisherman. Capt. Marty's is going to rent his boats for only $4.00 weekdays for the remainder of March to get the season rolling.

PORT JEFFERSON

The Caraftis Fishing Station reports great fishing Thursday and Friday before the weather soured. The boats returned with 40 to 50 keepers per man, all in the ¾ to 1 lb. range. Most boats are fishing Setauket Harbor, but Caraftis says the fish are everywhere.

NORTHPORT

Chainlocker Bait & Tackle reports the flounders are great right off the docks. One nine year old boy named Chris weighed in a flounder just under 2 lbs. He took this fish off the local dock. Reports of stripers up to 6 lbs. taken on bucktails off the beaches reached the Chainlocker, but none were weighed in.

BAYVILLE

Norm's Fishing Station reported good fishing on both sides of the bridge in Middle Neck Creek and in Oyster Bay Harbor. All fish are very good size, ranging from ¾ to 1½ lbs. Norm said the size and quantity of the flounder this early is the best he has seen in many years.

CITY ISLAND

Flounders are being taken in the lagoon at Orchard Beach, reports from Jack's Bait & Tackle say. Catches are 9-10 fish per man, all good size. The open boats Apache and North Star from City Island are fishing the Oyster Bay area with good results.

CONNECTICUT SCENE

DICK ALLEY

Now that the season has really begun, flounder fishermen along the Connecticut shoreline are out in droves. Where to go? Right now, flatties can be found in just about any tidal river along the Connecticut coastline. First reports show a larger individual fish crop than last year, with most anglers up and down the line reporting fish of ¾'s of a pound. The Stonington-Mystic area has always recorded flounder larger than those in the southern end of the State, and this year is no exception.

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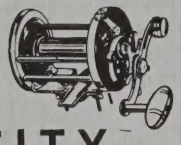
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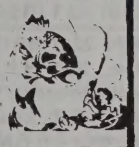

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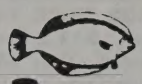

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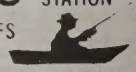

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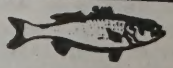

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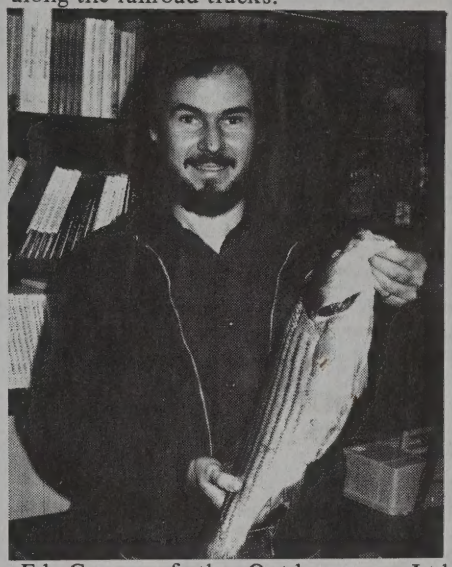
CROTON POINT

White perch are showing in small numbers at Tellers Point and some stripers are available in Croton Bay. Beach fishing for bass will begin at Crawbuckie along the railroad tracks.



Ed Graser of the Outdoorsmen Ltd. says stripers are mixed in with the tommy cod at the Alpine Boat Basin. However, he cautions that most fish are shorts and should be returned to the river. Tommy cod are plentiful at the George Washington Bridge and down into Edgewater.

NOTICE

The United States Department of The Interior has killed plans for the much disputed proposed Oyster Bay to Rye Bridge, due to the Oyster Bay Town Board's having transferred some 3100 acres of wetlands to Interior (in 1968), which designated the area a National Wildlife Refuge. Since Interior refuses to grant an easment on what is the only feasable approach for the bridge, the issue would appear to be dead at last - let's hope so!

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Zachs Bay	+1	25
Gilgo Island	+2	25
Seaford Harbor	+2	05
FIRE ISLAND INLET	-0	38
West Great South Bay	+2	10
Heckscher State Park	+3	20
East Great South Bay	+3	44
MORICHES INLET	-0	56
Smiths Point	+3	28
Harts Cove	+1	30
Potunk Point	+3	35
SHINNECOCK INLET	-0	50
East Quogue	+2	45
Shinnecock Canal	+1	18
Indian Reservation	+3	05

TIDES: L.I. SOUND
WILLETS POINT STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.		
Fri.	12:58	1:16
Sat.	1:25	1:47
Sun.	2:02	2:28
Mon.	2:45	3:13
Tues.	3:32	4:06
Wed.	4:28	5:09
Thur.	5:33	6:23
	6:42	7:43

	H.	M.
Little Neck Bay	-0	10
Execution Light	-0	06
Manhasset Bay	-0	01
Hempstead Harbor	-0	11
City Island	-0	03
Rye Beach	-0	28

TIDES: L.I. SOUND
BRIDGEPORT STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	12:58	1:26
Fri.	1:39	2:08
Sat.	2:21	2:53
Sun.	3:10	3:48
Mon.	4:07	4:43
Tues.	5:07	5:43
Wed.	6:08	6:43
Thur.	7:05	7:35

	H.	M.
Lloyd Point	+0	08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0	08
Bayville Bridge	+0	13
Eatons Neck Point	+0	03
Northport Bay	+0	03
Norwalk Islands	+0	10
Smithtown Bay	-0	03
Cranes Neck Point	+0	05
Port Jeff Harbor	+0	03
New Haven Harbor	-0	08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0	08
Herod Point	-0	07
Mattituck Inlet	+0	19
Horton Point	-0	20
Truman Beach	-0	42

TIDES: B.I. SOUND
NEW LONDON STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	11:31	11:50
Fri.	------	12:14
Sat.	12:35	1:05
Sun.	1:23	2:02
Mon.	2:18	3:03
Tues.	3:17	4:06
Wed.	4:15	5:01
Thur.	5:10	5:45

	H.	M.
Orient Point	+0	27
Connecticut River	+1	10
Little Gull Island (Race)	+0	12
Greenport	+1	04
Southold	+1	43
New Suffolk	+2	26
South Jamesport	+2	32
Shinnecock Canal	+2	33
Noyack Bay	+2	05
Sag Harbor	+0	59
Gardiners Bay	+0	21
Promised Land (Napeague)	-0	14
Fort Pond Bay	-0	29
Montauk Inlet	-0	25
Montauk Point	-1	13

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